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SUBJECT: SAUDI MEDIA ON SADAT-BEGIN XMAS MEETING

1. THE SAUDIS HAVE BEEN TREATED TO TWO DAYS OF LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE SADAT/BEGIN MEETING AT ISMAILIA. PREVIOUSLY, SAUDI TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES FOR LIVE TV COVERAGE OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM WERE ONLY USED FOR VISITS OF KING KHALID TO SUDAN AND KUWAIT. WHILE SAUDI PRESS COMMENTARY STILL REFLECTS THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL WAIT-AND-SEE POSTURE, COVERAGE OF THE CHRISTMAS MEETING IN DAILY SAUDI JOURNALS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HEAVY. SAUDI EDITORIALS HAVE INCLUDED HEAVY DOSES OF SKEPTICISM ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF AN ADEQUATE ISRAELI RESPONSE TO SADAT'S INITIATIVE, BUT HAVE BEEN UNFAILINGLY KIND TO SADAT HIMSELF.

2. COMMENT: THE UNPRECEDENTED LIVE TV COVERAGE (AT AN HOUR
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WHEN SAUDI TELEVISION IS USUALLY OFF THE AIR) IS THE LATEST INDICATION OF SAG'S GENTLE TILT TOWARD SADAT IN ITS OTHERWISE CAUTIOUS STANCE OF MEDIATOR IN SEARCH OF RESTORING ARAB SOLIDARITY. INFORMAL CANVASS OF KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SOPHISTICATED SAUDIS ALSO REFLECT THIS TILT, REVEALING A CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM UNDERLYING THEIR PREDICTABLE DEMURRAL ABOUT CHANCES FOR A TOTAL SETTLEMENT.

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